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21st CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS (CCLC)

The District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS), Office of Federal Grants Programs is soliciting applications to establish 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC). **The purpose of these centers is to increase the academic achievement of students in reading/language arts and mathematics.** Additionally, the centers may offer youth development programs and activities that are designed to reinforce and complement the regular academic program of participating students. Drug and violence prevention, art, music, and recreation, character education, science and technology are examples of activities that can be provided. Programs must also offer families of students served opportunities for literacy and related educational development. The 21st Century Program is authorized under Part B of Title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (Public Law 107-110).

It is anticipated that DCPS will have funding available for approximately 10 new grantees. The new grantees will join the 12 currently delivering services in 23 sites. All 21st Century Centers must partner with a DC Local Education Agency, either a DC public school(s) or charter school(s). Services must be made available to non-public school students. The program is designed to target funds to schools and communities by providing safe, caring, learning environments during out-of-school hours. Applicants must include community partners in their programs.

The Request for Applications (RFA) will be released on June 28, 2004 and the deadline for submission is July 30, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. For additional information, please contact Ms. Deidre M. Hunt at CDH Management and Consulting on (202) 641-5766. The RFA will also be available on the Mayor's Office of Partnership and Grants Development (OPGD) website, (<http://opgd.dc.gov/opgd/cwp/view,a.1316,q.586841,opgdNav,33041|.asp>) and the District of Columbia Public School (DCPS) website, www.k12.dc.us no later than, June 30, 2004.

Applicants to the program are encouraged to attend the Pre-Application Conference on July 7, 2004 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at 941 North Capitol Street, NE, 4th Floor, Training Room A.